

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A religious meditation apparatus comprising:

- a. a first side wall having at least one first feed receptacle,
- 5 b. a second side wall having at least one second feed receptacle and wherein the first side wall is parallel to the second side wall;
- c. a front wall connected to the first side wall and second side walls, wherein the front wall is perpendicular to the first and second side walls;
- d. a back wall connected to the first side wall and second side walls wherein the
10 back wall is parallel to the front wall, wherein said walls are connected forming a feed box;
- e. a removable sliding plate disposed over the feed box, wherein said removable sliding plate is removable in the plane perpendicular to the front wall and the removable sliding plate further comprises a plate hole;
- 15 f. a first guide and a second guide disposed on the removable sliding plate, wherein said guides are in parallel relationship to each other, and the first guide is secured to the front wall and the back wall and the second guide is secured to the front wall and the back wall;
- 20 g. a sliding drawer for containing feed disposed between the first guide and the second guide on the removable sliding plate and, wherein said sliding drawer contains a ramp and a drain hole and wherein said drain hole is in a spaced apart relation from the plate hole and, when the sliding drawer is pulled out, the drain hole aligns with the plate hole permitting feed to flow into the feed box when the sliding drawer is pulled;

- h. a roof having a first panel and second panel, disposed on the removable sliding plate, wherein said first panel is connected to said second panel by a hinge and the first panel is connected to the front wall and the back wall;
- 5 i. a balance plate disposed over the sliding drawer connecting the front wall and the back wall;
- j. drawer stop disposed in the balance plate for preventing withdrawal of the drawer from the first and second guides;
- k. an inclined floor connecting the first side wall and the second side wall, enabling feed from the drawer to flow unimpeded through the drain hole to the feed receptacles; and
- 10 l. a support disposed under the inclined floor extending the length of the feed box connected to the front wall on one end and the back wall on the other.
2. The religious meditation apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a miniature landscape surrounding said bird feeder mounted on a base.
- 15 3. The religious meditation apparatus of claim 1, wherein at least two hinges are used to connect the first panel and the second panel.
4. The religious meditation apparatus of claim 3, further comprising a leak protector disposed over said hinge.
5. The religious meditation apparatus of claim 4, further comprises a Velcro strip disposed on one edge detachably connecting to the panels.
- 20 6. The religious meditation apparatus of claim 1, wherein the hinge is a piano hinge.
7. The religious meditation apparatus of claim 1, wherein all components are made of clear Plexiglas.
8. The religious meditation apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first side wall, second side wall, front wall, back wall, sliding plate, roof guides and drawers are a member of the
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group comprising: wood, glass, metal, painted metal, laminates, plastics, composites, glued paper, and similar stiff materials.

9. The religious meditation apparatus device of claim 1, wherein at least one of said feed receptacles includes a bird stand disposed between 0.5 and 1.5 inches from the feed receptacle.
10. The religious meditation apparatus of claim 1, wherein said roof is in the shape of a church with a cross to create a spiritual impact when viewed.
11. The religious meditation apparatus of claim 2, further comprising a bird bath in the miniature landscape on the base.
12. The religious meditation apparatus of claim 11, further comprising at least one water bowl containing drinking water mounted to the base.
13. The religious meditation apparatus of claim 2, wherein said miniature landscape further comprises a fence mounted to the base.
14. The religious meditation apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a sign disposed on the front wall.
15. The religious meditation apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a door mounted in the front wall.
16. The religious meditation apparatus of claim 1, wherein the dimensions of the religious meditation apparatus are a height between 6 inches and 18 inches, a width between 6 inches and 9 inches, and a depth between 6 inches and 12 inches.
17. The religious meditation apparatus of claim 1, wherein said first and second guides are connected to the front and back walls with screws.
18. The religious meditation apparatus of claim 1, wherein the inclined floor is selected from the group: "V" shaped, "A" shaped, and "U" shaped.

19. The religious meditation apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a first guide and a chain connected to the roof holder and the second panel.

20. The religious meditation apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a first securing knob connected to the front wall through the first panel and a second securing knob connected to the back wall through the first panel.

21. A bird feeder with a weight-discriminating device comprising:

a. a housing assembly;

b. a seed reservoir in the housing assembly;

c. a perch connected to the housing assembly;

d. a weight-discriminating spring hinge connected to the perch;

e. a moveable platform with a platform first end and a platform second end, wherein the platform first end is connected to the perch by the weight-discriminating spring hinge, wherein the moveable platform is adapted to open when a weight load is added to the moveable platform;

f. a hatch with a hatch first end and a hatch second end, wherein the hatch first end is pivotably connected to the housing; and

g. a cable connected the hatch second end and the platform second end adapted to close the hatch over the seed reservoir when the moveable platform opens.